

## Ballot Measures by Petition

(§ 130.046.2, RSMo)

In the case of ballot measures to be qualified to be on the ballot by an initiative petition, referendum petition, or a recall petition seeking to remove an incumbent from office, additional disclosure reports related to the time for filing such petitions must be filed:

- **Initial 15 Day Report**

Must be filed 15 days after the committee begins raising or spending money. Time period covered begins on the day the committee first accepted contributions or made expenditures to support or oppose the petition effort and closes on the fifth day prior to the date of the report.

- **15 Day After Petition Deadline Report**

Must be filed no later than 15 days after the deadline for submitting the petition.

For more information visit the Missouri Secretary of State's website at

[www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov)

### Violation:

Violations of Chapter 130, RSMo are within the Missouri Ethics Commission's jurisdiction and, in the event a complaint is filed, may result in an enforcement action.



This brochure is intended only as a guide to aid understanding of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Law.

For the law's complete requirements, consult the law itself codified at Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and in Article VIII, Section 23 of the Missouri Constitution.

# Campaign Committees

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## Requirements

A campaign committee must take the following steps:

- Appoint a treasurer and/or deputy treasurer who must be a Missouri resident and must reside in the district or any county in which the committee sits. Treasurers of statewide committees may reside anywhere in the State. For more information see MEC Advisory Opinion 2008-10.CF.009);
- Open a committee bank account held in the name of the committee;
- File a *Statement of Committee Organization* with the appropriate authority within 20 days after forming but no later than the due date for filing the first required report.
- File all required disclosure reports. Every committee must file Quarterly Reports. Other reports may include:
  - 40 Day Before Election    ▪ 30 Day After Election    ▪ 48 Hour Report of Contributions over \$5,000
  - 8 Day Before Election    ▪ 24 Hour Notice of Late Contribution
- Officially terminate by filing a *Termination Statement* and full disclosure report the later of 30 days after the general election or upon satisfaction of all committee debt.

## Where to File

Statewide ballot measure	MEC
Local ballot measure	Local Election Authority (optional filing with the MEC. If you choose to file with the MEC, all future reports must be filed with the MEC)
Non-partisan Supreme Court Judges, and Appellate, Circuit, Associate, and Municipal Judges	MEC

Committees required to register with the MEC must e-file their reports through the MEC website.

## What is a Campaign Committee?

(§ 130.011(3), RSMo)

A campaign committee is a campaign finance committee, other than a candidate committee, formed by an individual or group of individuals to receive contributions or make expenditures for:

- the sole purpose of supporting or opposing the qualification and passage of one or more particular **ballot measures** in an election; or
- the **retention of judges** under the nonpartisan court plan; or
- the purpose of supporting or opposing a petition to **recall an incumbent** from office.

Candidates for public office who are required to form a committee should form a candidate committee.

Visit our website for additional resources, such as the ***Ethics Guide*** and ***FAQs***.

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